

HAMMOCK HEAD BANDAGE

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At the suggestion of several of my colleagues I wish to offer to the profession a new head bandage. Since an otherwise simple thing may be made complicated and incomprehensible by wordy details, I have tried to clearly illustrate each step of the procedure. The photographs

The ends of the hammock gauze are elevated above the head and the ears freed before the encircling bandage is continued around its circumference. (Fig. 3 and Fig. 6, B, C). The ends are dropped and the running bandage covers in the fold, thus made in the hammock (Fig. 4 and Fig. 6, D, E). All excess material is cut away. The procedure is finished by a few rounds of the roller bandage (Fig. 5 and Fig. 6, F).

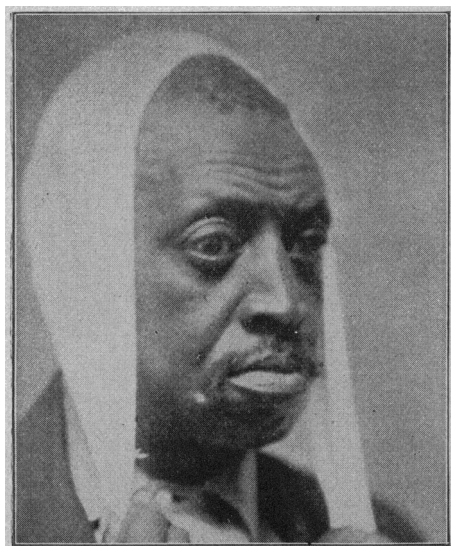


Fig. 1.—Application of the hammock bandage; this is pulled taut and held by the patient.

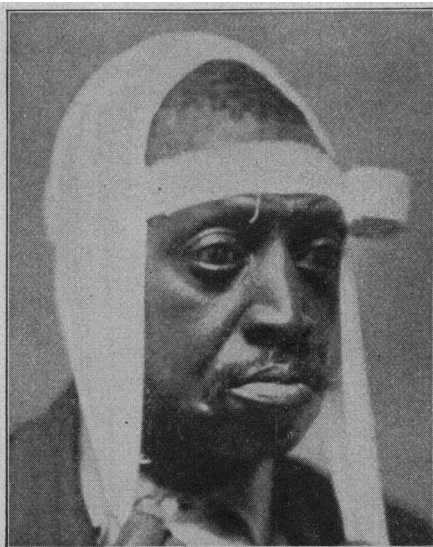


Fig. 2.—A one-inch or two-inch bandage is applied around the head.

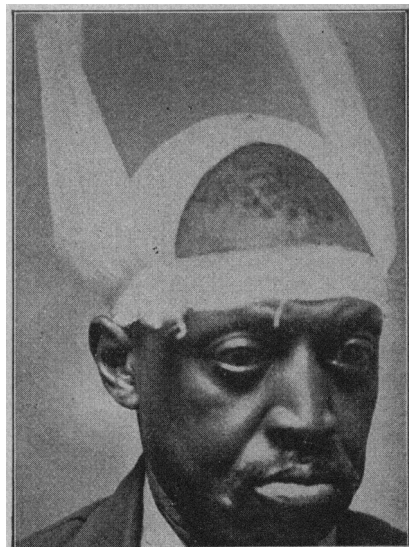


Fig. 3.—The ends of the hammock are elevated, the ears freed and the encircling bandage is continued.

and diagrammatic drawings are self descriptive, and require little further explanation.

METHOD OF APPLYING THE BANDAGE

After the dressings have been placed on the wound the head is put in a hammock composed of two layers

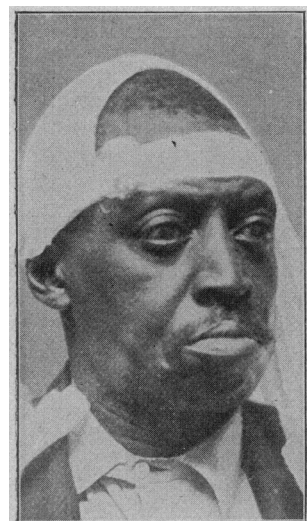


Fig. 4.—The ends are dropped and the encircling bandage covers in the folds thus made.

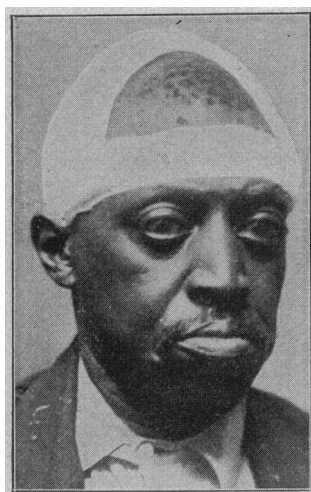


Fig. 5.—The excess material is cut away and the procedure completed by a few rounds of the encircling bandage.

of gauze (Fig. 1). This is pulled taut and held by the patient. A one or two-inch bandage is applied around the head, running from the glabella of the frontal bone to a point just below the posterior occipital bone (Fig. 2 and Fig. 6, A, B). I have found a narrow starch bandage of advantage for this purpose.

ADVANTAGES

The "hammock bandage" is undoubtedly a simpler and more effective one than the time honored "skull cap," and I heartily recommend it to the profession. This bandage possesses the following advantages:

1. Simplicity and ease of application.

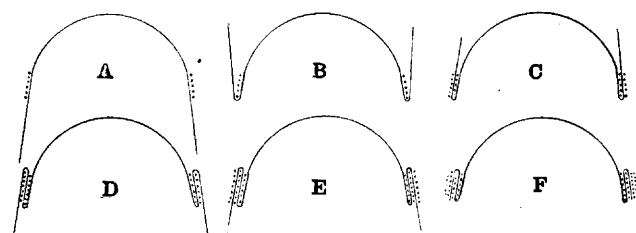


Fig. 6.—Schematic representation of the method of applying the hammock bandage.

2. May be used to cover a small area of the scalp or the entire surface.
 3. Does not slip or come off if properly applied.
 4. May be made to exert a moderate or firm pressure on the wound.
 5. Economy of bandage material.
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Infant Feeding.—Giving infants some form of food that will be retained and cause gain in weight is not necessarily good infant feeding. The food must contain enough proteids and mineral matter to repair waste and produce new tissue, and enough fats and carbohydrates to supply energy; except, of course, when the infant is sick or suffering from indigestion, when it may be necessary to give temporarily a one-sided diet.—G. R. Pisek, in *Amer. Jour. Obst. and Dis. of Women and Children*.